

*Spain*—Our flourishing Benedictine Spanish Province has just begun, under the best auspices, a foundation which will be another proof of the usefulness in our times of the Monastic Orders, and will serve to show to the people of the world that the Benedictines in particular deserve well of society and they are worthy of protection.

Mgr. Raimondo Riu ed Calbanas, titular Bishop of Samos and Administrator Apostolic of Solsona (Province of Lerida), a man recommendable by his great zeal and learning, wrote to the Rt. Rev. Abbot Visitor of Montserrat, telling him he wanted to have the Benedictines in his diocese, and that he would allow them to take charge of the celebrated Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Miracle, situated in the town of Riner, and would donate them a large tract of land around the Sanctuary, to erect there a Benedictine Monastery and an agricultural college.

The generous offer was accepted by the Benedictines after mature deliberation, and on the 30th of last August several religious started from that celebrated monastery, under the leadership of the Rev. D. Peter Sola, who was directed to take possession of the Sanctuary and of the annexed land in the name of the congregation.

The same prelate wished to perform himself that ceremony which was crowning his most ardent desires. On the 1st of last September his Lordship repaired to the Sanctuary of the Miracle and there, after having administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a class of children, he solemnly consigned the Sanctuary and the land to the above named Rev. Father Peter Sola.

We know that the work on the building of the new monastery is begun, and the well-known intelligence, ability and energy of the young Superior of the new House render us certain that the work will be pushed through rapidly, and soon a flourishing community will exercise itself, day and night, in singing the praises of God and educating the youth, teaching them to love religion, work, and thereby the most pure love of the country.

*Jerusalem*—Abou-Gosh (the old Carithiarim of the Bible): Rev. Father D. Bernard Drouhin, representative of Rt. Rev. D. Leander Le-moine, Abbot Visitor of the French Province, was entrusted the possession of the Sanctuary of Abou-Gosh and its dependencies by the General Consul of France in Jerusalem. The act was performed in a most solemn and imposing manner in presence of the chiefs and authorities of the place. We understand that our Benedictine Fathers are having excavations made around the Sanctuary, and there is a good prospect of making discoveries which will be of the highest interest for Christian archæology.

Mount Olivet: By a disposition altogether Providential, our Benedictine Fathers who provisionally had chosen their dwelling in Jerusalem, made